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27:1 Many have
sinned for a small
matter: and he
that seeketh for
abundance will
turn his eyes away.

27:2 As a nail
sticketh fast
between the

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joinings of the
stones: so doth sin
stick close between
buying and selling.

^{27:}**3** Unless a man hold
himself diligently in
the fear of the Lord,
his house shall soon
be overthrown.

^{27:}**4** As when one
sifteth with a sieve,

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**the refuse remaineth,
so the filth of man
in his talk.**

**27:5 The furnace
proveth the potter's
vessel: so the trial of
man is in his
reasoning.**

**27:6 The fruit declareth
if the tree have been
dressed: so is the**

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**utterance of a conceit
in the heart of man.**

**27:7 Praise no man
before thou hearest
him speak, for this is
the trial of men.**

**27:8 If thou followest
righteousness, thou
shalt obtain her, and
put her on, as a
glorious long robe.**

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27:9 The birds will
resort unto their like,
so will truth return
unto them that
practice in her.

27:10 As the lion
lieth in wait for the
pray: so sin for them
that work iniquity.

27:11 The discourse of
a godly man is

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always with **wisdom**:
but a fool changeth
as the moon.

^{27:}**12** If thou be
among the indiscreet,
observe the time: but
be continually among
men of **understanding**.

^{27:}**13** The discourse of
fools is irksome, and
their sport is in the

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wantonness of sin.

^{27:}**14** The talk of him
that sweareth much,
maketh the hair stand
upright: and their
brawls make one
stop his ears.

^{27:}**15** The strife of the
proud is blood-
shedding, and their
revilings are

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grievous to the ear.

^{27:}16 Who so
discovereth secrets,
loseth his credit: and
shall never find friend
to his mind.

^{27:}17 Love thy friend,
and be faithful unto
him: but if thou
bewrayest his secrets,
follow no more

after him.

^{27:}**18** For as a man
hath destroyed his
enemy: so hast
thou lost the love
of thy neighbor.

^{27:}**19** As one that
letteth a bird go out of
his hand, so hast thou
let thy neighbor go;
and shalt not

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get him again.

27:20 Follow after him no more, for he is too far off, he is as a roe escaped out of the snare.

27:21 As for a wound it may be bound up, and after reviling there may be reconcilment: but

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he that bewrayeth
secrets is
without hope.

^{27:}**22** He that winketh
with the eyes worketh
evil, and he that
knoweth him will
depart from him.

^{27:}**23** When thou
art present he will
speak sweetly, and

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**will admire thy words:
but at the last he will
writhe his mouth, and
slander thy sayings.**

27:24 I have hated
many things, but
nothing like him, for
the Lord will hate him.

27:25 Who so
casteth a stone on
high, casteth it on his

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own head, and a
deceitful stroke
shall make wounds.

^{27:} **26** Who so
diggeth a pit shall
fall therein: and he
that setteth a trap
shall be taken therein.

^{27:} **27** He that worketh
mischief, it shall fall
upon him, and he

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shall not know
whence it cometh.

^{27:}**28** Mockery and
reproach are from
the proud: but
vengeance as a
lion shall lie in
wait for them.

^{27:}**29** They that rejoice
at the fall of the
righteous shall be

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**taken in the snare,
and anguish shall
consume them
before they die.**

**27:30 Malice and
wrath, even these
are abominations,
and the sinful man
shall have them both.**